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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A process for the preparation of synthetic taxanes, comprising the main steps of (1) protecting 7-OH using a protecting agent; (2) acylating OH in taxanes using an acylating agent; and (3) deprotecting the protecting agent at 7-position to reduce to 7-OH, characterized in that said protecting agent is a lanthanon compound.
- 2. The process for the preparation of synthetic taxanes according to claim 1, characterized in that said lanthanon compound as the protecting agent is selected from the group consisting of a salt of lanthanon, a double salt of lanthanon, an alkaline compound of lanthanon, a lanthanon chloride and a lanthanon oxychloride.
- 3. The process for the preparation of synthetic taxanes according to claim I, characterized in that said lanthanon compound as the protecting agent is selected from the group consisting of a lanthanon chloride, a lanthanon hydroxide, a lanthanon oxychloride and a lanthanon sulfate double salt.
- 4. The process for the preparation of synthetic taxanes according to claim 1, characterized in that said lanthanon compound as the protecting agent is a lanthanon chloride.
- 5. The process for the preparation of synthetic taxanes according to claim 1, characterized in that said lanthanon compound as the protecting agent is a cerium salt.
 - 6. The process for the preparation of synthetic taxanes according to claim 1, characterized in that said lanthanon compound as the protecting agent is cerium trichloride.

- 7. The process for the preparation of synthetic taxanes according to any one of claims 1-6, characterized in that said synthetic taxanes are paclitaxels.
- 8. A process for the preparation of synthetic taxanes, comprising the step of acylating -OH in taxanes using an acylating agent, characterized in using tetrahydrofuran as a medium for acylation.
 - 9. The process for the preparation of synthetic taxanes according to any one of claims 1-7, characterized in using tetrahydrofuran as a medium for acylation.
- 10. The process for the preparation of synthetic taxanes according to any one of claims 8-9, characterized in pre-dehydrating said tetrahydrofuran.